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12.	Department of Youth Affairs and Sports schemes	Youth Club Award-District, State and National Level.	15.72
13.	-do-	Youth Development Centre	50.00
14.	-do-	NSVs Training	18.59
15.	-do-	Financial Assistance for holding sports	01.30
16.	-do-	Sadhbhavana Programme	00.11
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Pilgrimage to Nankana Sahib

1395. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sikh pilgrims of Jammu and Kashmir, who intend to visit Nankana Sahib in Pakistan, are being denied visa by Pakistan for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the visit of these devotees to the Nankana Sahib?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Government understand that Pakistan has denied visas to Sikh pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir who wished to go to Pakistan as part of the Sikh jathas under the Bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines, 1974.

Government believes that Pakistan's actions are contrary to the bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines. This has been conveyed to Pakistan through diplomatic channels.

Navigation in Bhagirathi-Hooghly River

1396. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any water navigation programme has been initiated in the Bhagirathi-Hooghly river in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Haldia-Banarashi river transport is going to be introduced soon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system in West Bengal forms part of National Waterway No. 1 between Haldia and Allahabad. Inland Waterways Authority of India is maintaining navigable channel in Haldia-Patna sector including in Bhagirathi and Hooghly rivers in West Bengal between Haldia and Jangipur with 2m depth and 45 m width. The Bhagirathi-Hooghly river portion is being maintained for round the year navigation. In addition, for facilitating cargo loading and unloading, terminal facilities are available at Haldia-Budge-Budge and Calcutta in Bhagirathi-Hooghly rivers on national waterway No. 1. IWAI has taken up experimental cargo services through its vessel Rajagopalachari. In the Haldia-Calcutta sector navigation has been going on regularly for cargo and passengers.

(c) and (d). At present, the phased development of National Waterway No I the Haldia-Patna stretch is being developed for round the year navigation as the first phase. River Bed regulation to improve navigability upstream of Patna to Varanasi and Allahabad and provision of other infrastructure facilities are proposed to be taken up during 9th Five Year Plan. The waterway is open for plying of vessels by Government as well as private operators.

[Translation]

Barrage Over Yamuna

1397. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the project of construction of a barrage over Yamuna at Agra is likely to be sanctioned by the Government;

(b) the total cost likely to be incurred on this project;

(c) the amount proposed to be contributed by the Union Government for this project;

(d) whether it is a fact that work has already been started on this project with the funds allocated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Clearance of the project will depend upon the promptness with which the State